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Talking Points for Congressman Wolf and Mr. Geimer on the
Proposed Establishment of the Jamestown Institute for the Study
of Eastern Europe

I am in no way opposed to the creation of this proposed
think tank.

I agree that private sector funding for the Institute
is preferable to government funding.

Some of the people named in the proposal, and
undoubtedly others with whom the Institute would deal, are
not formally considered defectors in the Intelligence
Community sense of the term and are therefore of no direct
concern to the Agency.

Others named are properly considered defectors in our
terms, but have chosen to go public of their own volition
or have opted to dispense with any Agency participation in
matters concerning their security. This, clearly, they are
free to do.

There are, and will be, many others, particularly those
who were actively involved in intelligence matters, for
whom this Agency has the responsibility for security and
resettlement. Any involvement with such individuals would
have to be worked out with the Agency on a case-by-case
basis and would necessitate a Secrecy Agreement.

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Talking Points for Mr. Geimer on the Question of Funding the
Study on the Treatment of Defectors Proposed by Ladislav Bittman

     I respect, and agree with, Mr. Bittman's opposition to
accepting Agency or other government funding.

     For me to even suggest non-governmental sources of
funding would not be proper in view of Mr. Bittman's wishes.

     While we would certainly read such a study, should you
decide to fund it, I would not expect it to be of "immense
value" to our officers who handle defectors since it will be
based largely on overt materials which are readily available
and have already been reviewed.

     Mr. Bittman's personal experience as an arriving
defector is now 18 years old and many procedures familiar
to him from that era have already been changed.

     Over the course of the years numerous reviews of
defector handling have been done in the Agency and
elsewhere in government by panels with full access to
classified materials, which are far more useful to us in
monitoring and developing our progam than any overt source
study could possibly be.

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